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BUNKER CHANNELS

FM: SITUATION ROOM

TO: RODMAN/LORD FOR DR. KISSINGER

CITE: WHS2133

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TO: HENRY A. KISSINGER

FROM: AL HAIG

REF: HAKTO 16

1. WITH REGARD TO PRESS BRIEFINGS IN JAPAN, HOLDRIDGE/
INGERSOLL HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF YOUR WISHES.

2. I HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH MURPHY AND MOORER CONCERNING
BOMBING LEVELS, WHICH HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY HIGH OVER LAST
THREE DAYS WHEN CONTRASTED WITH PREVIOUS BAD WEATHER. THEY
ASSURE ME THEY WILL GET THINGS UNDER CONTROL. STORIES ON HIGH
LEVEL APPEAR TO BE EMANATING FROM SAIGON.

3. WITH REGARD TO SALINGER CAPER, ZIEGLER DISCUSSED THIS
IN BRIEFING THIS MORNING AFTER LENGTHY CONSULTATIONS WITH
HALDEMAN AND OTHERS ON HOW BEST TO HANDLE. STORY IS CARRYING
ON THE WIRES IN STRAIGHTFORWARD WAY, ALTHOUGH THERE IS A
REFERENCE TO CONCERNS THAT A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OPPOSITION

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

CANDIDATE IS IN TOUCH WITH THE ENEMY AT A TIME WHEN TALKS ARE GOING ON AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL IN BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FORUMS. I AGREE COMPLETELY WITH THE POINTS YOU HAVE MADE ON THIS SUBJECT AND WILL TRY TO INSURE THAT EFFORTS HERE ARE KEPT UNDER CONTROL. THERE IS SOME THOUGHT BEING GIVEN TO A SPEECH BY A POLITICAL PERSONALITY WHICH WOULD TIE IN THE SHRIVER, CLARK AND SALINGER BUSINESS.

4. I WILL HAVE A FULL PORTFOLIO OF MAIL AND MESSAGES FOR YOU TO READ AT CAMP DAVID.

5. HALDEMAN CALLED TO SAY THE PRESIDENT IS MOST ANXIOUS THAT YOU KEEP TO CURRENT ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON WHICH I CALCULATE IS NOW 6:00 P.M. THE PRESIDENT WANTS TO BE ABLE TO MEET WITH YOU AS CLOSE TO SIX AS POSSIBLE FOR ABOUT AN HOUR BEFORE SECRETARY ROGERS ARRIVES. THE CURRENT PLAN WOULD BE TO HAVE ROGERS ARRIVE AT 7:00 OR 7:30 AND DINNER ABOUT 8:00 OR 8:30. IN THIS WAY THE PRESIDENT WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE ROGERS HERE FOR INITIAL FANFARE, SEND HIM HOME, AND HAVE SUNDAY FOR PRIVATE MEETINGS ALONE WITH YOU. I THOUGHT I SHOULD GET THIS PLAN TO YOU RIGHT AWAY AS WE MAY BE ABLE TO CHANGE IT IF THERE IS SOME PROBLEM FROM YOUR END.

WARM REGARDS.